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Office Action Summary

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HANSMANN ET AL.

Examiner

Aravind K Moorthy

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 July 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 September 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-10 are pending in the application.
2. Claims 1-10 stand being rejected.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Specification

4. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because legal phraseology. The examiner has made the appropriate correction. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

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5. Claims 1-4 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kennedy et al U.S. Patent No. 6,084,968.

As to claim 1, Kennedy et al discloses a method for setting basic means of access for operation of devices of which the operation is controllable by electronic means, comprising:

the devices comprising mobile phones, small computer-controlled consumer devices with relatively low level of computing power, computers, motor vehicles, control terminals for industrial processes, all of which devices may require authentication prior to operation [column 3, lines 8-46];

establishment of a link between a personal authentication system supplied with encryption data and a logic system able to control an electronic device control [column 3, lines 8-46].

checking the encryption data in the authentication system prior to operation of the electronic device control[column 3, lines 8-46];

assignment of predetermined means of access to the electronic device control associated with the authentication system the predetermined means providing access to physical hardware resources and access to different software functions, based on the privileges of the user who identified himself to the system, the software function evaluates a security token and is running on top of the physical hardware [column 5, lines 16-65];

enabling of the means for access predetermined for the authentication system dependent on the result of the check [column 5, lines 16-65].

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As to claim 2, Kennedy et al discloses that the basic means of access to functions of the device comprise at least one of the following means: disable operation of the devices, enable operation of the devices, or enable configuration of the devices [column 6, lines 6-11].

As to claim 3, Kennedy et al discloses that the link is made without need for intermediate software layers [column 6, lines 39-47].

As to claim 4, Kennedy et al discloses in addition, the step of reading at least one of the following features embodied within the authentication system: firmware programs, device-specific command sequences for execution of specific device-specific functions, cryptographic keys, cryptographic algorithms, and individual decision-making logic [column 6, lines 39-47].

As to claim 10, Kennedy et al discloses program code areas for the execution or preparation for execution of the steps when the program is installed in a computer [column 4, lines 39-56].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 5-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kennedy et al U.S. Patent No. 6,084,968 as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Findikli et al U.S. Patent No. 6,415,144 B1.

As to claim 5, Kennedy et al does not teach that the method includes configuration of the devices, by authorized persons. Kennedy et al does not teach that after successful authentication,

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device-specific configuration data are downloaded into the devices from the authentication system in accordance with the authentication systems or over a network.

Findikli et al teaches configuration of the devices, by authorized persons [column 1 line 61 to column 2 line 5]. Findikli et al teaches that device-specific configuration data are downloaded into the devices from the authentication system in accordance with the authentication systems or over a network [column 1 line 61 to column 2 line 5].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Kennedy et al so that the method would have included configuration of the devices, by an authorized persons. After successful authentication, device-specific configuration data would have been downloaded into the devices from the authentication system in accordance with the authentication systems or over a network.

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Kennedy et al by the teaching of Findikli et al because over-the-air teleservices provide the radio telecommunications system operators with greater flexibility in tailoring cellular phones to meet the needs of their subscribers [column 2, lines 6-10].

As to claim 6, Kennedy et al teaches execution setting basic means of access for operations [column 5, lines 63-65].

As to claim 7, Kennedy et al teaches authentication of a person or a group of people [column 5, lines 30-65].

As to claim 8, Kennedy et al teaches that the authentication system is implemented in the form of a Smartcard [column 3, lines 47-62].

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As to claim 9, Kennedy et al teaches setting basic means of access for operation of devices of which the operation is controllable by electronic means, including at least one device and an authentication system [column 5, lines 30-65].

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aravind K Moorthy whose telephone number is 571-272-3793. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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